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1. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0172456 A1, published November 21, 2002, which corresponds to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-333536, published November 22, 2002 and was previously cited on July 14, 2005.
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3. International Publication No. WO 02/14914 A1, published February 21, 2002, which corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0021878, published February 21, 2002 and was previously cited on July 14, 2005.

4. Chinese Patent Application Publication No. CN 1300950A, published June 27, 2001, which corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,519,065 B1, issued on February 11, 2003.

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